

### REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 2-28 were canceled without prejudice. New claims 29-44 were introduced for consideration. No new matter was added. Therefore, claims 1 and 29-44 are currently pending in this application.

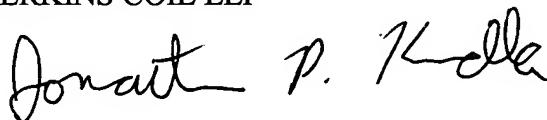
### CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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